## ETEXT ATTACHMENT

May 24, 2002

05/24/2002 09:00

Ms. Jill Sugarman Report Analyst Report Analysis Division Federal Election Commission 999 E. Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Ms. Sugarman:

In our telephone conversation of May 21, 2002, I advised you that the balance shown in the Boucher for Congress Committee's (C00178418) checkbook is less by a small amount than the cash on hand balance shown on the April, 2002 quarterly report filed by the Committee with the Federal Election Commission.

The discrepancy between the checkbook balance and the cash on hand reported to the FEC is the result of a series of addition and subtraction errors in the checkbook on the part of a series of bookkeepers over a twenty-year period. Having occurred over a twenty-year period, these minor errors are not attributable to any single transaction.

Our effort to reconcile this difference reveals a checkbook balance that is \$809.31 less than the amount stated as the cash on hand balance on the FEC report.

Acting on the advice of Dominique Ciaraldi in the Electronic Filing Division of the FEC, we are taking the following steps to resolve the matter.

- \* The cash on hand ending balance as of March 31, 2002 stated on the April, 2002, quarterly report was \$959-,701.64.
- \* The beginning cash on hand balance on the 2002 Pre-primary report as of April 1, 2002, is \$958,892.33, which reflects \$809.31 less than the ending balance of the previous report. We are adjusting the opening cash on hand amount on the Pre-primary report to correspond with the cash on hand in our reconciled internal records.
- \* On your advice, we are submitting this letter with the Pre-primary report to explain the adjusted beginning balance on the Pre-primary report.

Please contact me at 276- 628-7197 if you have questions.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,